



Chief Executive Office
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Dear Stakeholder,

As Chicago Public School students continue to raise the bar for academic excellence, the District is implementing a new accountability system to more accurately assess the quality of our schools and allocate supports to put all schools in the best position to succeed.

The new “School Quality Rating Policy,” or SQRP, is a more thoughtful and thorough model for measuring school performance that relies on several factors and provides a common measuring stick for schools across the District.

Parents, principals, members of Local School Councils and others are being informed of their schools’ ratings this week, and all school ratings are available at <http://www.cps.edu/schooldata>.

SQRP helps ensure our schools are on the path to achieving the high academic standards we set as a District, and provides the framework to fairly and accurately measure our schools’ performance. Most importantly, SQRP empowers families to make informed choices about the array of school options and educational experiences our District has to offer.

Created in collaboration with the Chicago Teachers Union, the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association, community groups, and the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research, SQRP is the most comprehensive school rating system ever implemented in CPS.

In short, SQRP will allow us to serve Chicago’s Next Generation and their families better than ever before.

If you have questions about the new SQRP or its impacts on students, families and schools in your community, please contact the Office of Accountability at (773) 553-4444.

Sincerely,

Barbara Byrd-Bennett
Chief Executive Officer